

Monday: 15/02/08

Psalm 16:8

*"I am always aware of the Lord's presence;  
he is near, and nothing can shake me."*

These words of reassurance are important to each of us. King David tells us that he 'felt' the presence of the God everywhere he went. He says he 'knew' that God was always near. There was no need for David to guess or rely on warm fuzzy feelings. He had a definite knowledge that God was with him at all time. This made him confident that wherever he went God would always be there for him. So that nothing could shake his resolve.

How well do we sense and acknowledge the presence of God? Can we feel him close to us through the day? Is our 'knowledge' that God is always with us able to make our faith unshakeable?

Lord, I seek to feel you near me always.

Tuesday: 16/02/09

Psalm 25: 1-3

King David must have had a difficult time. Many of the Psalms mention that he had enemies that would constantly make plans and set traps for him. Some of these traps may have been physical while some of them may have been set to trap him in his actions. But in all things he returned to his God. Knowing that God would not allow enemy attacks to put him to 'shame' and ruin his witness for God.

Do we feel we have enemies who want to see us fail? This question doesn't mean that we should feel paranoid; it reflects the fact that the world is hostile to Christians. And that like David we too need to have confidence in God.

Lord, in difficult times I trust in your goodness.

Wednesday: 17/02/10

Psalm 27:8

*"The Lord protects and defends me; I trust in him.  
He gives me help and makes me glad; I praise  
him with joyful songs."*

Once again we find King David under siege. Trouble doesn't seem to give him a rest. Yet he reassures us that he still has confidence that God will continue to protect him. Not only will God help him, but God's help creates within David a gladness. With a joyful song.

Imagine the next time trouble comes your way, you stop and make a choice how you will react. Instead of joining the world and moaning you choose to use the negative situation to sing gods praise. The world will not understand; but it will be a great witness.

Lord, through my struggles I will sing your praise.

Thursday: 18/02/11

Psalm 19:14

To begin with we learn that King David's prayer is concerned with his words. Does what he say please God? Is what he is saying bring honour and glory to God? He essentially is opening a conversation with God. Establishing his desire and follow up with his relationship with God. He affirms that God is his 'rock' and 'redeemer'.

How do we start a chat with God? Do we get to the jump straight to what we want? Would that work with people we know as 'friends'? Imagine starting a conversation with someone and the first thing was say is to ask for something. It wouldn't work, so why would we think it would with God.

Lord, may I always show you respect.

Friday: 19/02/12

Psalm 143:8

*"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."*

I can visualise King David waking up early in the morning and watching the sunrise. As he seeks God's assurance of his unfailing love.

Some Christians enjoy getting up early each day and spending the time in prayer and meditation on the Word of God. Like David they seek to know the best course of action to take for the day. As they 'entrust' their very life to God.

Whether you pray in the morning or evening, you can rest assured that God will be there to hear your words and give you understanding.

Lord, when I pray I pray with confidence.

Saturday: 20/02/13

Psalm 119:105

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path."*

'Light' 'express. a range of things in the Bible. But generally it represents the revealing and gaining of knowledge. From the revealing at the creation to the revealing a deeper understanding of God's word.

A light to my path can consider two aspects. The first is the ability to see what is in front of us. Those things that are in plain sight. While at yet another level, it can show us hidden dangers. A revealing of the 'world' 'around us.

Lord, the light of your Word is life to me.

## *Safe within His Light*



When the world is full of pain.  
And there seems no rest in sight.  
Never let go of his hand.  
For you're safe within his light.

Though the path you walk is hard.  
And your life is filled with fears.  
You are safe within his light.  
And his love that spans the years.

As you travel down life's road.  
On this pilgrimage alone.  
You are safe within his light.  
And the love that he has shown you.

He is faithful to his word.  
For he gave his only Son.  
So turn now towards his light.  
Before your day is undone.

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and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.***